

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 1. (Currently amended) A method for accepting payments from a consumer
2 for a travel ticket from a travel company, the method comprising:

3 receiving at a point of sale device at a payment service provider location a
4 transaction request that includes a transaction identifier that identifies a travel arrangement made
5 with the travel company and a payment amount;

6 transmitting the payment amount and the transaction identifier to a host computer
7 system for validation;

8 receiving a validation from the host computer system indicating that the
9 transaction requested has been validated;

10 wherein the host computer system is operated by a payment service provider
11 separate from the travel company, and wherein the host computer system includes a set of
12 identifiers forming a database of customer travel arrangements;

13 receiving a payment from the consumer, wherein the consumer is physically
14 present at the payment service provider location; and

15 electronically transmitting at least a portion of the payment to the travel company.

1 2. (Original) The method as in claim 1 further comprising storing a record of
2 the payment and the associated transaction request in a database.

1 3. (Original) The method as in claim 1 further comprising contacting an
2 airline reservation system to stage the transaction and obtain the transaction identifier and the
3 payment amount prior to receiving the transaction request at the point of sale device.

1 4. (Original) The method as in claim 1 further comprising transmitting to the
2 travel company a confirmation that the payment was made by the consumer.

1 5. (Original) The method as in claim 1 wherein sending at least the portion
2 of the payment to the travel company comprises electronically sending at least the portion of the
3 payment to an account of the travel company.

1 6. (Original) The method as in claim 3 further comprising electronically
2 transmitting from the host computer system to the travel reservation system a request to validate
3 the transaction request.

1 7. (Original) The method as 6 further comprising receiving from the travel
2 reservation system a response to the request to validate the transaction, wherein the response
3 includes an expected payment, and further comprising comparing at the host computer system
4 the expected payment with the payment amount.

1 8. (Original) The method as in claim 7 wherein the validation is transmitted
2 from the host computer system to the point of sale device if the expected payment matches the
3 payment amount.

1 9. (Original) The method as in claim 8 wherein the validation further
2 includes the expected payment in a currency where the point of sale device is located.

1 10. (Original) The method as in claim 8 wherein an error message is
2 transmitted to the point of sale device if the expected payment does not match the payment
3 amount, and further comprising re-entering the payment amount at the point of sale device.

1 11. (Original) The method as in claim 1 further comprising providing a
2 confirmation to the consumer after the receiving the payment.

1 12. (Original) The method as in claim 11 wherein the confirmation
2 comprises a paper receipt.

1 13. (Original) The method as in claim 11 wherein the confirmation comprises
2 a travel ticket.

1 14. (Original) The method as in claim 1 wherein the transaction request
2 further includes the consumer's name.

1 15. (Currently amended) A method for facilitating a payment from a
2 consumer for travel tickets sold by a travel company, the method comprising:

3 receiving at a host computer system from a money transfer location a transaction

4 request that includes a confirmation identifier and a payment amount generated by a travel
5 reservation system that relates to a travel arrangement made with the travel company, wherein
6 the host computer system is operated by a payment service provider separate from the travel
7 company, and wherein the host computer system includes a set of identifiers forming a database
8 of customer travel arrangement, and wherein the payment amount was made while the consumer
9 was at a payment service provider location;

10 transmitting the confirmation identifier to the travel reservation system from the
11 host computer system for validation;

12 receiving a confirmation from the travel reservation system that includes an
13 expected payment amount;

14 comparing at the host computer system the expected payment with the payment
15 amount; and

16 transmitting a validation to a money transfer location if the expected payment is
17 the same as the payment amount.

1 16. (Original) A method as in claim 15, further comprising transmitting an
2 error message to the money transfer location if the expected payment is different from the
3 payment amount.

1 17. (Original) A method as in claim 15, further comprising receiving at the
2 host computer system an indication that the payment amount has been received at the money
3 transfer location, and transmitting a request to electronically transfer at least a portion of the
4 payment amount to an account of the travel company.

1 18. (Currently amended) A method facilitating a payment from a consumer
2 for travel tickets sold by a travel company, the method comprising:

3 receiving a reservation request for a travel arrangement offered by a travel
4 company;

5 storing a reservation in a travel reservation system that includes a confirmation
6 identifier and a ticket price;

7 receiving a confirmation identifier from a host computer system along with a
8 request to validate the confirmation identifier, wherein the host computer system is operated by a

9 payment service provider separate from the travel company, and wherein the host computer
10 system includes a set of identifiers forming a database of customer travel arrangements; and
11 transmitting from the reservation system to the host computer system an expected
12 payment that is associated with the received confirmation identifier, wherein the expected
13 payment is to be paid at a payment service provider location operated by the payment service
14 provider, wherein the expected payment is to be made while a consumer is physically present at
15 the payment service provider location.

1 19. (Original) A method as in claim 18, further comprising receiving a
2 country code from the host computer system and transmitting to the host computer system
3 customer service information related to the country code.

1 20. (Original) A method as in claim 18, further comprising receiving a
2 currency code at the reservation system and transmitting to the host computer system the
3 expected payment in a currency corresponding to the currency code.

1 21. (Currently amended) A point of sale system for accepting payments from
2 a consumer for a travel ticket from a travel company, the system comprising:

3 a processor;
4 an input device;
5 a communication device; and
6 a storage medium, wherein the storage medium includes instructions executable
7 by the processor to:

8 receive a transaction request input from the input device that includes a
9 transaction identifier that identifies a travel arrangement made with the travel company and a
10 payment amount;

11 transmit the payment amount and the transaction identifier to a host computer
12 system for validation using the communication device, wherein the host computer system is
13 operated by a payment service provider separate from the travel company, and wherein the host
14 computer system includes a set of identifiers forming a database of customer travel
15 arrangements;

16 receive a validation from the host computer system indicating that the transaction

requested has been validated using the communication device;

receive an indication of payment from the consumer ~~su~~ing using the input device,
wherein the payment amount is made by a consumer while physically present at the point-of-sale
device; and

electronically transmit a message of the payment to a host computer system using
the communication device so that at least a portion of the payment may be transmitted to the
travel company.

22. (Original) The system as in claim 21 further comprising a printer adapted
for printing a receipt.

23. (Currently amended) A host computer system for facilitating payments
from a consumer to a travel company for a travel ticket issued from a travel company, the system
comprising:

a processor;
an input device;
an output device; and
a storage medium, wherein the storage medium includes instructions executable
by the processor to:

receive from a money transfer location using the input device a transaction
request that includes a confirmation identifier and a payment amount generated by a travel
reservation system that relates to a travel arrangement made with the travel company;

transmit the confirmation identifier using the output device to the travel
reservation system for validation;

receive a confirmation from the travel reservation system that includes an
expected payment amount, wherein the expected payment amount is made at a payment service
provider location separate from the travel company while the consumer is physically present at
the payment service provider location;

compare the expected payment with the payment amount; and

transmit a validation to a money transfer location if the expected payment is the
same as the payment amount.